AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1.　　　(Currently amended) A method for selectively entering lottery entries into a state lottery drawing, administered by a state lottery agency, via an internet web site, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving user access at the home page of the web site;

querying users for their sign-in identification to establish whether they are pre-registered user members or non-members;

presenting pre-registered user members with a choice of member functions and content including ~~providing access to~~ a subscription ~~purchasing~~ service;

presenting non-members with a choice of ~~different~~ ~~non-member~~ functions and content; and

communicating selected information to the state lottery agency.

2.　　　(Original) The method set forth in claim 1 wherein member choice of functions and content include

depositing funds into the members' pre-established accounts; and

permitting the members to select an offered lottery game to play after a choice is made as to payment thereof.

3. (Original) The method set forth in claim 1 wherein the member choices of functions and content includes

accessing a member's account for selectively determining its current balance, history of wins and losses, and subscriptions for play that are currently alive.

4.　　　(Original) The method set forth in claim 1 wherein the non-member's choice of functions and content includes the establishment of an account for future play.

5.   (Original) The method set forth in claim 1 wherein the common functions and content for members and non-members selectively includes

accessing information concerning: the web site, gambling addiction, and descriptions of the games that may be played.

6.   (Previously presented) A method for selectively entering lottery entries into a state lottery drawing via an internet web site, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving user access at an internet web site server;

connecting the web server to a transaction server via a security firewall;

selectively connecting the transaction server to a state lottery system either through:

a) a modem connection;

b) direct high speed connection; or

c) an intermediary manual reentry of member orders from members, received at the web site and

providing access to a subscription purchasing service.

7.   (Currently amended) A system for selectively entering lottery entries into a state lottery drawing, administered by a state lottery agency, via an internet web site, the system comprising:

means for receiving an access to the home page of the web site;

means for querying users for their sign-in identification to establish whether they are pre-registered user members or non-members;

means for presenting pre-registered user members with a choice of member functions and content including providing access to a subscription ~~purchase~~ purchasing service;

means for presenting non-members with a choice of different functions and content; and

means for communicating selected information the state lottery agency.

8.   (Original) The system of claim 7 wherein the means for presenting member choice of functions and content comprises:

means for depositing funds into the member's pre-established accounts; and

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means for permitting the members to select an offered lottery game to play after a choice is made as to payment thereof.

9.   (Original) The system of claim 7 wherein the means for presenting member choice of functions and content comprises:

means for accessing a member's account for selectively determining its current balance, history of wins and losses, and subscriptions for play that are currently active.

10.   (Original) The system of claim 7 wherein the means for present non-member choice of functions and content comprises:

means for establishing an account for future play.

11.   (Original) The system of claim 7 wherein the means for presenting member and non-member choice of functions and content comprises:

means for accessing information concerning: the web site, gambling addiction, and descriptions of the games that may be played.

12.   (Previously presented) A system for selectively entering lottery entries into a state lottery drawing via an internet web site, the system comprising:

means for receiving an access at an internet web site web server; and

means for connecting the web server to a transaction server via a security firewall;

means for selectively connecting the transaction server to a state lottery system either through:

a) a modem connection;

b) direct high speed connection; or

c) an intermediary manual re-entry of member orders received from members at the web site and

means for providing access to a subscription purchasing service.

13.   (Previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the subscription service provides for lottery entries of an amount and frequency selected by the user.

14.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the subscription ~~purchasing~~ service provides for lottery entries of a predetermined amount and frequency.

15.   (Currently amended) The system of claim 7 wherein the means for presenting pre-registered user members with a choice of member functions and content including a subscription ~~purchase~~ ~~purchasing~~ service includes allowing user selection of amount and frequency of lottery entries.

16.   (Currently amended) The system of claim 12 wherein the means for presenting pre-registered user members with a choice of member functions and content including a subscription ~~purchase~~ ~~purchasing~~ service includes allowing user selection of amount and frequency of lottery entries.

17. (Previously presented)   The method of claim 1 which further includes presenting both members and non-members with a choice of common functions and content.

18. (Previously presented)   The method of claim 6 which further includes presenting both members and non-members with a choice of common functions and content.